

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (MCHAB)
JUNE 24, 2005
MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Roger Volker, MDiv, Chairperson
Terrence McGaw, MD, Vice-Chairperson
Jeffrey Wrightson, MD
Suzanne Magleby, MSW
Raquel Knecht, MA
Zona Hickstein, RN, for Donald Kwalick, MD, MPH

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Maggie Carlton
Michelle Kling, RN, MS
Assemblywoman Genie Ohrenschall
Beverly Neyland, MD
T.J. (Terri) Rosenberg

NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Richard Whitley, Deputy Administrator, Nevada State Health Division (NSHD)
Bradford Lee, MD, State Health Officer
Judith Wright, Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)
Steve Kepp, ASO, BFHS
Cynthia Huth, MSN, CNM, Health Program Specialist 2, Perinatal Nurse Consultant, BFHS
Kyle Devine, Health Program Specialist 2, Child and Adolescent Coordinator, BFHS
Tami Terstegee, Administrative Assistant 4, BFHS
Wei Yang, MD, Ph.D., Chief Biostatistician, Bureau of Health Planning & Statistics (BHPS)
William Lee, Biostatistician II, BHPS/ BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

Phil Nowak, Chief, Medicaid Managed Care and Nevada ✓ Check Up, Division of Health Care Financing and Policy
Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Robbin Palmer, Ph.D., Genetics Counselor
Lisa Pacheco, RN, Program Coordinator, University Medical Center (UMC)

CALL TO ORDER

Roger Volker called to order the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Board (MCHAB) meeting at **9:05 a.m.** videoconferenced at the Grant Sawyer Building, Las Vegas, and the Kinhead Building, Carson City. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Kinhead Building, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Reno; Clark County Health District (CCHD), Las Vegas; Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS), Las Vegas; and the Nevada State Health Division website at www.health2k.state.nv.us.

Mr. Volker stated the June 24, 2005 meeting will be his last as Chairperson for the Board. He will be retiring on September 1, 2005, and noted they will appoint another member as Chair of the Safety Network.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2004

Dr. Terrence McGaw motioned to approve the minutes, Dr. Jeffrey Wrightson seconded.

MOTION APPROVED.

HEALTH DIVISION REPORT

Richard Whitley gave an overview of several bills passed through Legislation. The first was Assembly Bill (AB) 580/AB2: Minority Health. On June 22, 2005, the United States Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS) developed a grant announcement for states related to Minority Health. The application criteria indicates applicants must have an office of minority health developed in order to apply; it will be due by July 22, 2005. Mr. Whitley stated there is an appropriation to establish funding for a coordinator to implement an office of Minority Health. Next was Senate Bill (SB) 197: Physical Fitness & Wellness. Nevada is one of few states who have not developed any statewide group or taskforce dealing with these issues. This bill will hopefully provide an opportunity to determine health status to establish some priorities for the state, and will enable the state to apply for federal funding. Another bill passed was SB98: A Cervical Cancer Taskforce. Mr. Whitley stated during the testimony on this bill that an amendment was offered to have a member of the Governor's Youth Advisory Council (GYAC) be a representative. Nevada is the only state that has a requirement for a youth representative. There was also a \$50,000 appropriation to get consumers to attend meetings. Mr. Whitley noted a few enhancements in the budget, such as the Bureau of Early Intervention (BEIS) receiving \$10,000,000 to increase services. Mr. Whitley noted he would like to have a formal report to give complete information on all bills passed related to Maternal and Child Health since this report was an overview. Mr. Volker stated AB530 provided several health appropriations including \$175,000 for a Specialty Care Access Network in Las Vegas.

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Dr. Bradford Lee stated he is working on a federal assignee for a vaccination program to improve wellness in the state. He then spoke about the SB197: Wellness, including Nutrition, Physical Fitness, and Chronic Disease Prevention efforts. Within the bill there are statutory requirements, involving the Department of Education (DOE). Speaking with Senator Weiner, it is her intention to have physical education, recess, and nutrition information brought more into schools, so children and teachers eat better and are more active. Another area that is hoped to improve is preparedness. Dr. Lee stated we are trying to keep in line with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), as well as, Homeland Security (HS). HS has changed a few of their requirements in their grant to focus more on rural areas, and develop structure on a public health base.

UPDATE ON MEDICAID MANAGED CARE AND NEVADA ✓ CHECK UP INCLUDING AN UPDATE ON THE ASSET TEST

Phil Nowak stated for the month of June, Nevada ✓ Check Up had 28,800 enrollments. The Legislature decided there would be no cap for anyone trying to qualify in the coming biennium. Mr. Nowak noted he would show the total numbers of growth for Nevada ✓ Check Up next time. A budget highlight was also mentioned, which was being approved to apply for a HFA Waiver. This Waiver targets the population of women who are pregnant by raising the poverty level from 133% to 185% and provides coverage for the enrolled child. It will be effective July 1, 2006. Also noted, is an either/or for funding. This allows up to 2,500 cases per year in Fiscal Year 07, or \$20,000,000. Another bill approved is the Behavioral Health Redesign. This will develop Specialty Clinics for Behavioral Health Services (BHS), and will also provide reimbursement to providers who have not been eligible to participate with Medicaid previously, family therapists, and licensed clinical social workers. Since there is approval, Medicaid, the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS), and community Providers, will be working together to develop a

structure to complete this task. The SB 401: Transportation (non-emergency), allows a transportation provider applying to provide service to Medicaid and Nevada ✓ Check Up, be licensed, and certified through the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) rather than the Transportation Services Authority. This will hopefully provide better access.

Mr. Nowak spoke of the Dental Network Expansion in Clark County. He stated everything will be kept in place and the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) School of Dentistry will continue to be a provider. He noted Health Plan of Nevada contracted 134 additional dentists and Nevada Care completed its work with a company in California and will be targeting an additional 30 providers in the month of July and August. Coming fall 2005, there should be close to 200 dental providers plus UNLV School of Dentistry. Mr. Nowak also stated some things happening in Washoe County are not quite final. Another item being worked on is the Request for Proposal (RFP) which will re-solicit the Management Care Plan for Clark and Washoe Counties; it will be released July 14, 2005. This whole process will be completed by the end of the calendar year, so provisions can be made six months before the actual start date.

Dr. Terrence McGaw noted there had been a significant decrease in tubal litigations; however, there are not any numbers at the moment. Mr. Nowak noted the database is now up and running so he will get the numbers and report them to Dr. McGaw.

REPORT ON CLARK COUNTY SEX EDUCATION WORK GROUP MEETING WITH THE BUREAU OF FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES (BFHS) STAFF

Kyle Devine spoke about the Clark County Sex Education meeting on April 13, 2005. Dr. McGaw; Jessica Cowee, BFHS; Elizabeth Fravel, Governor's Youth Advisory Council (GYAC); Loretta Asay, Coordinator K-12 Science and Health, Clark County School District (CCSD); Christy Falba, Director Mathematics, Science and Instructional Technology, CCSD; Patrice Tew, Chairperson, Sex Education Advisory Committee, and Mr. Devine, BFHS attended the meeting. The CCSD is appreciative of the interests shown and are going to continue to work with the Maternal Child Health Advisory Board, and the State Health Division (SHD). Mr. Devine cleared up a few misconceptions and concerns. One was the material approval process for the CCSD curriculum. The material being used is scientifically accurate without any form of bias. They are trying to abide by the law by only allowing certified health teachers and nurses to teach sex education in classes. Any other outsiders are not allowed to present due to having no control on what information is being taught. Mr. Devine also noted they had recently approved the material used for oral sex, which has shown to be a concern in the high school population. An issue however, is the comfort level of the teachers. It was mentioned by Ms. Tuttle when she and her friends learned about sex it was mostly to memorize information to pass a test. The CCSD is reviewing the curriculum year by year to revise it, so it is up to date and scientifically accurate. A template is being developed to have consistency in all the classrooms. The template will also provide training to ensure consistency, and comfort levels. This will help stop teachers using whichever material they choose so there is not so much variation being taught. Mr. Devine stated there a few goals the CCSD would like to reach. These include completing the curriculum review by fall of 2005. Purchase material for education by fall 05. Offer the first ever professional development of Sex Education by fall 05, and in two years, substance abuse, sex education, nutrition, and suicide prevention units will be taught in every health class. In five years, have an implementation of a "Parent Class" which teaches parents on how to engage their children on these types of subjects, and within ten years, have an overall structure in place to assure the consistency and quality of the sex education throughout the school district. Mr. Devine noted funding is the most critical issue at the moment. BFHS, specifically the Abstinence

Program, has been working with CCSD to identify and purchase audio-visual materials for the classrooms.

Dr. McGaw noted Ms. Assay is the key to success. She is motivated, informed, and very interested in having this change. Dr. McGaw also noted there are three Board members working to see these goals being reached.

Mr. Volker briefly noted since Dr. Carlos Garcia's departure, maybe the taskforce should write a letter to Dr. Walt Rulffes stating how good the meeting was, give a couple of the issues being covered, and tell how much progress has been done. It was suggested the staff create the letter and give the draft to Linda Anderson for approval for approval.

At 10:00 am the MCHAB meeting took a recess for the public Hearing on the Nevada MCH Block Grant for FY 06 and Maternal Child health (MCH) Needs Assessment for 2005. The MCHAB resumed on its conclusion at 10:45 a.m.

UPDATE ON THE MCH CAMPAIGN AND PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR

Cynthia Huth stated she had been working with the Department of Corrections (DOC) to develop a curriculum for their pregnant inmates, and developed four booklets especially for DOC. They have a system where inmates can take various classes and if they pass, they can have some days taken off their sentence. Valley Hospital helped DOC train a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to teach child birth classes, and BFHS supplied the LPN with the booklets and appropriate materials needed for the class.

Ms. Huth stated she is also helping the Community Health Nursing (CHN) offices by training them to teach the "Recognition of Illness" classes. This class is mostly given to childcare providers within the state whom must complete it to have a child care facility license. In addition, two CHN's will be sent to North Carolina for training to become Child Care Health Consultant (CCHC) trainers.

Ms. Huth noted the Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD) and the Economic Opportunity Board (EOB) contracts had been completed. She stated there was an RFP issued resulting in a four-year contract with Washoe Pregnancy Center (WPC) and the University Medical Center (UMC), however, they are awaiting approval by the Board of Examiners (BOE). Also, there is a four-year media campaign contract with Red Inc. Communications in Clark County, involving a partnership with UNLV, and Gateway Outdoor Advertising.

Raquel Knecht asked if the booklets are in Spanish. Ms. Huth responded not yet because they did not ask for them; however, they may translate them at a later date.

Dr. McGaw asked if there were any information on Substance Abuse. Ms. Huth responded with an answer yes, several pages.

DISCUSSION AND BOARD APPROVAL ON CANDICE KIDD AS A MEMBER TO THE PERINATAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (PSAP) SUBCOMMITTEE

Ms. Knecht motioned to approve Candice Kidd as a PSAP member. Dr. McGaw seconded.
MOTION APPROVED.

BOARD DISCUSSION OF NEVADA'S MCH BLOCK GRANT FOR FY 05 AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL

Dr. McGaw motioned to approve the MCH block grant. Dr. Wrightson seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

BOARD DISCUSSION OF NEVADA'S MCH NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR 2005 AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVAL

Ms. Knecht motioned to approve the needs assessment. Dr. McGaw seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

UPDATE ON ACTION OF THE 2005 LEGISLATURE THAT PERTAINS TO MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Ms. Wright stated Mr. Whitley already had spoke of this; she just would like to add the AB2 includes a 211 line.

BOARD DISCUSSION OF STAFF REPORTS

No discussion

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

It was mentioned the next meeting will be September 16, 2005 in Las Vegas and that elections for officers will be held. The new chairman of the MCHAB also sits on the Trust Fund Public Health Board, which will be meeting in October.

Dr. Robbin Palmer noted in regards to hearing loss screening, 50% of it is hereditary, and there is a reoccurrence risk for parents to have a child with hearing loss. Dr. Palmer is happy to see the state doing Newborn Hearing Screening in order to optimize children with hearing loss. Dr. Palmer also mentioned she would like to see the state promote genetic services to parents about the reoccurrence risk.

Meeting adjourned at **11:20 p.m.**